## LEARNMERE

INDIANA'S GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS GRADES 3-5

## **WHAT'S INSIDE:**

Your guide to...

- Planning
- Preparing
- Paying

for college and career success

Raj is in fourth grade at Sycamore Elementary School in Avon, Ind.

I want to be an engineer

A partnership of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana Department of Education and Indiana Department of Workforce Development



Dear Indiana Student,

Welcome to LEARN MORE! You can read this magazine on your own, or with your parent, teacher or another adult. You'll learn all about college. You'll also learn about jobs you might have in the future. Plus, you'll get a peek at some of Indiana's colleges!

It's more important now than ever that you plan to go to college after high school. By the time you start your career, about two-thirds of all new jobs will require education beyond high school. So get your pencil—and your brain ready to learn with LEARN MORE. You'll find out how to...

- PLAN for college!
- PREPARE for your career by working hard now!
- PAY for your college education!

### Have a great school year!







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Mike Pence Governor State of Indiana

Glenda Ritz Superintendent of **Public Instruction** Indiana Department of Education

Teresa Lubbers Commissioner Indiana Commission for Higher Education

## DID YOU KNOW?

Governor Pence and Commissioner Lubbers went to Indiana University. Superintendent Ritz went to Ball State University. See what Indiana University looks like on page 7.





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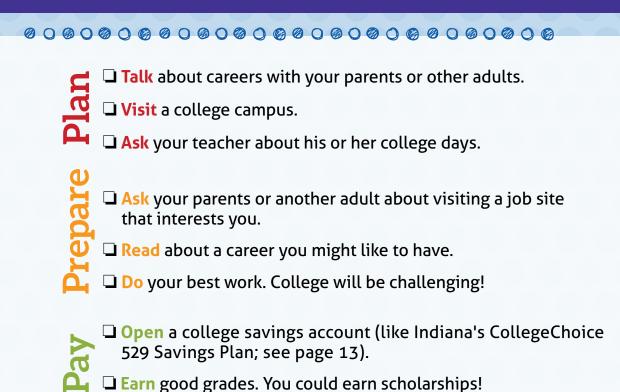
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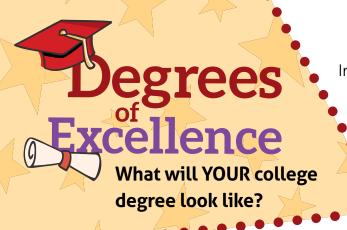


☐ Save money for college.



Emma is in fifth grade at William Tell Elementary School in Tell City. She's preparing for her future by attending acting camps on a college campus.

On the cover and on the pages that follow, LEARN MORE features real Indiana students. Learn more about Raj on the cover on page 5.



In today's world, almost all students will need education beyond high school to be ready for their jobs. But college looks very different these days.

Only 25 percent of students are "traditional" students. Traditional students go to college full time. They live on campus.



The subject you study in college is called your **major**. An example major is **health information technology**. These people work with computers for hospitals. You do not have to be a doctor to help sick people. Another example is **education**. Education majors become teachers.

A workforce certificate usually takes about one year. It will teach you more about your job. You will be able to do it better and earn more money. For example, you can earn a certificate in **hotel management**. Some hotels will let you learn more about customer service and earn a certificate.





A two-year college degree is called an **associate degree**. Many jobs require an associate degree. Some examples are **chef**, **radiology technician** (who takes x-rays) or **paralegal** (who helps lawyers).

An **apprenticeship** helps you learn on the job. You will work and take classes. Apprenticeships usually take between two and five years. Most jobs are hands-on. Some examples are **electrician** and **hair stylist**.





A **bachelor's degree** takes four years. This degree is what most people think of when they hear "college." You will have the most job **options** if you earn this degree. You might live on campus or at home.

After a bachelor's degree, you can earn a **master's** or **doctorate degree**. These degrees take up to eight years. You will learn much, much more about your major. Some example jobs are **professor** or **medical doctor**.



No matter where you go in life, college is in your future!

## Do You Remember

Read the article on page 4 and answer the questions below.

- 1. What is a trait of a "traditional" college student? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What is a two-year degree called?
  - a. Associate degree
- b. Bachelor's degree
- c. Doctorate degree
- 3. If you want to be a plumber, what kind of education will you complete after high school?
  - a. Master's degree
- b. Bachelor's degree c. Apprenticeship
- 4. What is a college major? \_\_\_\_\_





- Kicks off each fall to help you plan for college and beyond.
- · Learn about your college options.
- Visit CollegeGoWeekIndiana.org for tips, contests



Raj is in fourth grade. He wants to be an engineer. If you want to be an engineer, too, you should:

- □ Work extra hard in math.
- □ **Practice** building things.
- □ **Read** about the different kinds of engineers.

Raj goes to Sycamore Elementary School in Avon, Ind.

### College&Career Crossword

Your college degree needs to match with your career plan. But your plans also need to match up with your interests, skills and talents. **Read** the clues and **fill** out the crossword.

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#### **ACROSS**

- Geraldo likes helping younger kids learn about fitness. He wants to be a gym \_\_\_\_.
- Rachel spends lots of time\_\_\_\_\_ books. She wants to be an author and write about Indiana.
- 3. Wyatt has a great deal—he'll serve his country for a few years, and then he'll go to college for free! He's joining the \_\_\_!
- Emily loves science, especially learning about plants. She wants to earn a bachelor's degree in biology and become a \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Tiana is good at taking care of her little brother when he's sick or hurt. She would make a great \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. Josiah wants to learn how to lay bricks in a wall. During his \_\_\_\_\_, he'll learn his trade, take classes, and get paid!
- 7. Flora grows all kinds of flowers in her garden. She's planning to earn an associate degree and become a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. Ricky loves being in charge of group projects at school. He wants to earn a bachelor's degree in business and become a \_\_\_\_\_ of a busy store.

#### DOWN

- 1. Cierra is going to Indiana University for a four-year  $\_\_$  degree.
- 2. Carlos' favorite subject is \_\_\_\_. Since he's so good with numbers, he wants to be a financial analyst and help people invest their money wisely.
- Kate helps her mom on the computer and is good at figuring out computer programs. She would make a good computer \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Dylan is planning to attend Ivy Tech for two years and major in information technology. He'll earn an \_\_\_\_\_ degree.
- 5. Myla loves history! She is planning to attend Ball State University to become a history professor. She will need a \_\_\_\_ degree, which will take eight or more years.
- 6. Stuart likes being outside and working with his hands. He's also interested in electricity. He would enjoy an apprenticeship to become an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. Sophie can't drive yet, but she helps her uncle fix cars. She could get an associate degree to become a \_\_\_\_.
- 8. Vince loves to build things. He wants to get a bachelor's degree from Purdue University to become an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. Kendra volunteers at the animal shelter. She hopes to earn a doctorate degree and become a \_\_\_\_.
- 10. Roger is earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry. It will take him \_\_\_\_ years.

Mascot:



When it comes to preparing for your career, you have a lot of options after high school. Your career choices and preferences might change by the time you're ready for college, so dream big about the place you'd like to attend.

Fill in the blanks with all the facts about YOUR dream college.

Name:
<b>FACT:</b> Ball State University is named for the Ball brothers, who started a very successful glass container company in Muncie, Indiana.
Majors (things you can study):
<b>FACT:</b> At Purdue University, you can study theater, civil engineering, biology, French or almost 200 other majors!
<b>Degree Options:</b> ☐ Associate ☐ Bachelor's ☐ Master's ☐ Doctorate
FACT: To earn a master's or doctorate degree, you must first have a bachelor's degree.  Not all colleges offer these advanced degrees.
Size: ☐ Small (under 5,000 students) ☐ Medium (5,000-20,000) ☐ Large (20,000+)
FACT: Indiana University's Bloomington campus is the state's largest, with over 42,000 students.







**Indiana University** 



When she is a school counselor, Zitlally will need to know her students' learning styles so she can help them excel in school. She is in fourth grade at Sycamore Elementary in Avon, Ind.

## What's Your (Learning) Style?

We all have style—a learning style, that is. **Everyone learns differently.** It's important to know about your learning style. Then you can do your best in school. Most people are a mix of these types:

### **Q** Auditory:

Auditory learners learn best by hearing. **Do you understand a concept better** when someone explains it to you? Do you remember a news story better if you hear it on the radio than if you read it in a newspaper? Then try these tips:

- Ask if you can sit in front. Focus on hearing your teacher.
- Take notes to jog your memory.
- Ask a parent or sibling to listen to you explain the ideas from school.

#### **W** Visual:

Visual learners learn best by seeing. **Do you understand better if there** is a diagram or picture? **Do you learn well from books?** Maybe you have a photographic memory. Then try these tips:

- Make flash cards before tests.
- Copy diagrams or pictures. Just don't doodle too much!
- Read your textbooks.

### Kinesthetic:

Kinesthetic learners learn best when they're moving—building something, for example. *Do you enjoy science experiments? Do you make models to help you understand something?* Here are some ideas for kinesthetic learners:

- Squeeze a stress ball when you are reading or listening.
- Write down ideas that go together. Cut them out. Then play a matching game.

To take a quiz to see which type of learner you are, visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/learningstyle.

Which study tips world	k best for you? Che	eck all that apply!
☐ Make flash cards	☐ Read my textbook	☐ Talk about material with a friend or parent
☐ Highlight important words	☐ Draw diagrams	☐ Act out ideas
☐ Take notes in class	☐ Come up with a song	

## HelpMe.Out!





- Launches every spring to help you prepare for your career.
- Explore your career options.
- Visit CareerReadyIndiana.org for career games and more!

CAREER**READY**INDIANA.org

be a teacher

#### Every student needs help sometimes.

Maybe your school work just doesn't make sense. Or maybe something outside of school makes it hard to listen. It's always OK to ask for help. Here are some people you can talk to:

**Your teacher.** Your teachers want you to succeed. Ask your teacher if he or she will help you learn something a different way.

**Parents.** They can solve a problem like bullying or complicated math.

**Your school counselor.** If your school has a counselor, it's his or her job to make sure you feel safe and successful at school.

## PARENTS and TEACHERS: ~ -

## Connect with Learn More Indiana across the state!

Find out about local events and resources by joining your county's

College Success Coalition (more info at LearnMoreIndiana.org/
coalitions). You can also request a college prep speaker
through our Speakers Bureau at LearnMoreIndiana.org/speakers.
Or, sign up to be a speaker yourself and help students plan,
prepare and pay for college and career success at any age!



Diamond dreams of being a teacher. She wants to help others learn. Do you want to be a teacher, too? Then you should:

- □ Pay attention in school.
- □ **Help** younger children whenever you can.
- Plan on going to college for four years.

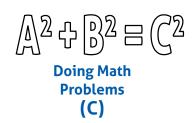
Diamond goes to F.W. McCullough Academy for Girls in Gary, Ind

Name:

## Crack Your RIASEC Code

Circle three things that look fun to you. Write the letters in the blanks to learn what your RIASEC career code is. **Then read** about the careers that might be a good fit for you.

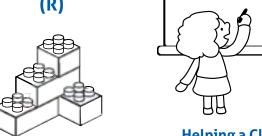








**Designing a Poster** (A)



**Helping a Classmate** with Homework **(S)** 



(A)

Figuring Out What **Materials You Need** for a Project



**Following Lego** 

(C)

**Directions** 

**Setting Up Your Own Business (E)** 



**Talking with Friends (S)** 



**Taking Care of a Pet** (R)



My RIASEC career code is:

#### (R) Realistic

- Airline pilot
- Athletic trainer
- Construction manager
- Dentist
- Park naturalist

#### (I) Investigative

- Computer programmer
- Detective
- Financial analyst
- Lawyer
- Scientist

#### (A) Artistic

- Advertising manager
- Architect
- Elementary school teacher
- Graphic designer
- Producer

#### (S) Social

- Coach
- Guidance counselor
- Nurse
- Nutritionist
- Social worker

#### (E) Enterprising

- Event planner
- Politician
- · Real estate agent
- Sales director
- Small business owner

#### (C) Conventional

Accountant

(E)

- · Bank teller
- City planner
- Librarian
- Social science researcher

Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/riasec to take a longer RIASEC quiz!

# More Career Options Than You Think

### Military

The military might not be your first career choice. But did you know that there are hundreds of jobs in the military? The military has five branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy. They employ artists, computer programmers, cooks, dentists, doctors, nurses, engineers and many other jobs.

Cartography: the making of maps Kyle is a senior in high school in Tell City, Ind. He enlisted in the Navy. He will assist with cartography and missile control on a big ship.

Kyle got high scores on tests in high school, so

the Navy let him choose his job. Even better, he can go to college for free! Kyle might also choose to continue working with the Navy. Then he can apply for different jobs in the military.



Like many students, Jaxon dreams of being a doctor. He wants to be a surgeon. Maybe you want to help people feel better, too. Some careers you might like are: Surgeon: a doctor who performs operations

**Nurses** assist doctors but don't do operations or exams. You might go to college for one, two, four or more years. **Registered nurses** can earn a two-year or a four-year degree.



**Health Information Technicians** go to college for two years. They work with patients in the front office. They keep track of medical records, schedule patients, answer the phone and manage the doctor's schedule.

**Pharmacists** dispense pills and medicines. They go to college for about six years and work at a hospital or a drugstore. Their assistants are called **pharmacy technicians**. Pharmacy technician certificates take about one year.

Jaxon is in fourth grade at William Tell Elementary in Tell City, Ind.



Prepare for the future online!
Practice what you learn in school!
Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/prepare.

Paying 5's it

You've probably heard of "paying it forward." That's doing something nice for someone after something nice happened to you. You can also "pay it forward" with your education. You can start paying for college today. Here's how Indiana college students pay for school.

**Tuition** is the price you pay to attend college.

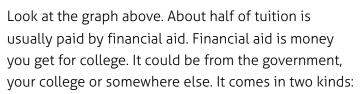
Average college tuition each year

Amount student must pay (from savings, from family or from working a job)

Average amount student receives in financial aid

\*Note: This is for students at public, four-year colleges in Indiana. Your college tuition might be different.

## What is Financial Aid?



- Loans: Loans have to be paid back after college plus interest. It's not smart to take out a lot of loans. You will have to pay back much more than you borrowed.
- Grants and scholarships: This kind of financial aid is free! You will never have to pay it back. You can get this free money by earning good grades. You might also get it if you are the first in your family to go to college, if you are a minority, or if you are going into specific jobs. Indiana provides students with over \$200 million for college each year. Indiana has free college money for some students who want to be teachers. Indiana has a grant for students who finish high school early. There are other grants, too.

## DOYOU Remember?

- 1. What is the price you pay to attend college?
  - a. Tuition
  - b. Salary
  - c. Financial aid
- 2. Which type of financial aid do you have to pay back?
  - a. Loans
  - b. Grants
  - c. Scholarships
- 3. How can you "pay it forward" and start paying for college today?
  - a. Getting good grades
  - b. Saving money
  - c. All of the above

## HEY, PARENTS!

## College Saving 5 2 9 Is as Easy as

The Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Savings
Plan is an easy way to invest in your child's
education tax-free. The 529 Plan offers these
great features:

**Easy set-up.** It only takes a \$25 deposit to get started, and anyone—friends, grandparents, relatives—can contribute. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org/529.

**Tax benefits.** Withdrawals for education (tuition, books and other educational college expenses) are tax-free. Plus, anyone who contributes to your child's savings plan will qualify for an Indiana state tax credit up to \$1,000.

**Automatic deposits.** If you want to make a regular commitment to your child's future, you can set up an automatic deposit from your paycheck. Saving couldn't be easier!

**Shop 'n save.** Sign up for Upromise at Upromise.com, and a portion of your family's everyday spending on household items and restaurants will be deposited in your 529 Savings Plan.

**Simple transfers.** What if you save more than your child needs? The account's beneficiary is easily changed to a sibling or relative.

Don't forget to involve your child in saving. Help your child deposit half of his or her birthday money in a 529 Plan, or get a piggy bank as a visual reminder of a college savings account.



## Jacqulyn

Jacqulyn is in her third year of college. She has a scholarship called the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship.

## College:

IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis)

## Major:

**Elementary Education** 

## Degree:

Bachelor's degree (four years)

### **Future career:**

Kindergarten teacher

## CouponsForCollege

John is in his first year of college. He's going to earn a bachelor's degree in four years. He is studying
advertising, so he can design cool advertisements. But right now, he has to pay his college tuition bill.
Because John has volunteered and helped people, he has lots of scholarships. They're like coupons for college!

JOHN'S TUITION (how much college costs)

\$10,000.00

FIVE GOOD CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIPS (\$100 EACH) = 5 x \$100 =

How much is left in John's tuition bill?

Shannon is in her first year of college, too. She is going to be a medical assistant. She will help doctors in surgeries. College will take two years. Then Shannon will have an associate degree. But first she has to pay for college! Thankfully, Shannon has worked very hard in school. She has a scholarship.

SHANNON'S TUITION (how much college costs)

\$4,000.00

SUPER SMART SCIENCE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

**-** \$1,344.00

Now how much is left in Shannon's tuition bill?

Jarrid is almost done with college. He has been in college for seven years, and he is almost an architect! He will draw buildings so that construction people know how to build them. To help pay for college, Jarrid is working for a professor. He earns money for college every time he helps teach a class.

JARRID'S TUITION (how much college costs)

\$23,550.00

TEACHING TWELVE CLASSES (\$200 EACH) = 12 x \$200 =

\_\_\_\_

Now how much is left in Jarrid's tuition bill?

Whose college degree will take the longest?

Which job do you think you would like most? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

College can be expensive, but it will help you get a good start on your career.

Your family can start saving now.



Save part of your birthday money.



Save money you get from doing chores.



Save money for college instead of buying candy.

## How much money can your family save for college this month?





- Occurs each winter to help you pay for your future.
- Save for college and learn why good grades matter.
- Visit CashForCollegeIndiana.org for saving tips and more!

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Heaven is in third grade at F.W. McCullough Academy for Girls in Gary, Ind. She knows earning good grades now will help her pay for the seven years of college she'll need to be a lawyer!





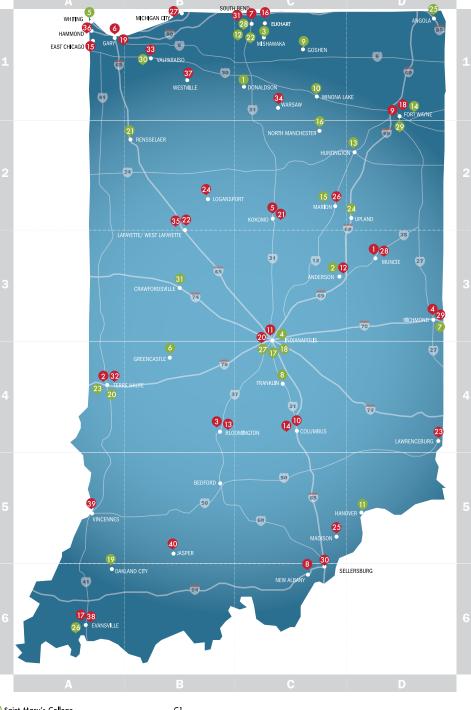
#### Save for college online!

Get more tips on saving for college and play online games at LearnMoreIndiana.org/pay.

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2 Indiana State University
3 Indiana University Bloomington
1 Indiana University East
5 Indiana University Kokomo
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6 Indiana University Northwest
7 Indiana University South Bend
8 Indiana University Southeast
9 IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne)
UPUC (Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus)
UPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis)
12 Ivy Tech Community College - Anderson
13 Ivy Tech Community College - BloomingtonB4
12 Ivy Tech Community College - Columbus
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Ancilla CollegeC1
2 Anderson UniversityC3
3 Bethel CollegeC1
4 Butler University
5 Calumet College of St. JosephA1
6 DePauw UniversityB4
Earlham CollegeD3
B Franklin College
Goshen CollegeC1
10 Grace CollegeC1
Hanover CollegeD5
12 Holy Cross CollegeC1
13 Huntington UniversityD2
🚺 Indiana TechD1
15 Indiana Wesleyan UniversityC2
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## INDIANA COLLEGES



Saint Mary's College Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College..... 2 Taylor University.... 25 Trine University... 26 University of Evansville.. 27 University of Indianapolis ..... 28 University of Notre Dame..... 29 University of Saint Francis..... 30 Valparaiso University..... Wabash College.....

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